

By the Queene.

*A Proclamation commanding all persons upon the Borders of England,
to keepe peace towards Scotland, upon the like Proclamation by the
King of Scots towards England.*



Whereas of late time there hath beene great disorders by Incursions into our Realme of multitude of Scottisshmen dwelling upon the Borders of our Realme towards Scotland, committing both murthers, taking of prisoners, burning of houses, and taking of goodes and cattell, whereof our Wardens haue made complaints to the opposite Wardens and Officers, and thereof the King of Scots, our good brother hath beene aduertised, and hath answered, that he very willingly would giue order for redresse thereof, And to that purpose hath by his Proclamation charged all his Wardens and Officers upon the Borders, and other his Subjects whatsoever, to obserue and keepe the peace, and in no wise to inuade, molest, or doe any iniury to any of our Subjects, adding thereto very honorable directions for obseruing thereof upon great paines, as by the saide Proclamation further hath appeared vnto vs: Wee for our part being of the same good mind for maintenance of common peace, doe straightly charge and commaund all our Wardens of the three Marches, and all other our Officers and Subjects within the said Marches, to liue in peace and quietnesse, and in no wise to make any incursion into Scotland priuately or publikely: But if any offence shall be done vnto them in their bodies, lands, or goodes by any Scottissh man, that then they forbear to reuenge the same by any open hostilitie, but make their complaints and pursutes to the opposite Wardens, according to the lawes of the frontiers: And if redresse shall not be made vnto them, then wee will that our Warden, where the offence shall be committed, shall giue knowledge thereof to the King our good brother by our Ambassadour there resident, hoping thereby both that our Subiectes dammified shall be relieved, and the Kings Officers refusing to giue Justice, shall be chastised and corrected, the like whereof vpon complaint of any Scottissh men against our Subiects or our Wardens, we minde to see seuerely redressed.

And though this present order now giuen by these our mutuall proclamations, may by good likelihood stay any further disorders from this time forward, yet considering the multitude of offences, that haue beene committed by the Scots, against our Subiects, is so great and lamentable for our Subiects to suffer, either vnderdressed (as farre forth as the same may be) or vnderuenged, as might haue beene, if our subiectes had not beene prohibited to seeke the same by force: Yet we would haue our subiects that haue beene so iniured without redresse, to vnderstand, that as the king of Scots offereth to haue Commissioners authorized for his part to repaire to the Borders, to meete with some to be appointed by vs, amicably and peaceably to heare the complaints both of ours and his subiects, and to giue speedy redresse and satisfaction, according to the lawes and customes of the Borders, and agreeable with the treaties of amitie betwixt vs & the said King, for mutuall iustice and continuance of peace: so also we meane therein to doe the like, & to make choise of some speciall men of knowledge & good disposition to peace, to repaire to the frontiers, and there to ioyne with such as the King of Scots shall appoint for his part: willing and commaunding our Wardens and other our Officers in the meane time, to cause all persons our subiects, hauing iust cause of complaint, and that haue had no redresse, to make ready their complaints in writing, with the due proofes thereof, to be deliuered to our seuerall Wardens, whereby the same may be in more readinesse, to be heard and ordered mutually by our said Commissioners. And this our commandement and determination wee will and command our Wardens to cause to be published in all places publike within their Offices, and like wise to giue knowledge thereof to the Wardens opposite of Scotland, and other publike Officers vpon the Scottissh frontiers, thereby to moue them to be correspondent in their actions, agreeable to this common determination of vs and the King our good brother. Given vnder our Signet at our Mannor of Greenwich, the xx. day of August in the xxxviii. yeere of our Reigne.

God saue the Queene.

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